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some of the workers of the Metal and Timber Works, Ltd., Kapparada and will the Government make an enquiry into the matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I wish the hon. Member gives me a written letter or a note on the subject and I shall make enquiries."

Jaggery manufacture by co-operatives in Malabar district.

* 244 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state whether the Government have permitted Nira to be made by all co-operatives of tappers in Malabar or anywhere else in the Madras State?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The tapping of trees for ' Neera ' (sweet toddy) for jaggery manufacture by co-operatives in Malabar district is allowed. The same concession is allowed to co-operatives in other districts also except Bellary, Cuddapah and Kurnool."

Auctioning of lands belonging to the Field Labour Co-operative Society of Mulakallanka.

* 245 *Q.*—SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU (on behalf of Sri N. V. Rama Rao): Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether some lankas given to the Field Labour Cooperative Society of Mulakallanka, Rajahmundry taluk, East Godavari district, for cultivation on a fixed average rate were auctioned this year;

(*b*) if so, what were the reasons;

(*c*) whether the poor landless Harijans of the Mulakallanka Field Labour Co-operative Society gave a petition regarding the same to the Secretary, Board of Revenue; and

(*d*) if so, what action was taken?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The reason for the auction is reported to be the default in payment by the Field Labour Co-operative Society, Mulakallanka of lanka rentals from fasli 1360, to the tune of Rupees 25,285.

" (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) The Board of Revenue directed the Collector to conduct the proposed auction of lanka lands on 21st May 1952 as already notified earlier but not to confirm the sale pending orders on the petition presented by the Society. The Board's further report in the matter is awaited."

SRI V. RAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, how the Government are going to realize the arrears without granting the lanka lands? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Even without granting lands to the petitioners, arrears of rent can be recovered."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" Will the Government consider the question of granting pattas to the members of the Field Labour Co-operative Societies? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" We are concerned with the lease of lanka lands and not with the granting of pattas."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—" Are the Government aware that the action of the Government will affect the society in particular adversely and bring down the reputation of the Co-operative movement in general? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No Sir. As I said, the Government are awaiting the report of the Revenue Board and the whole matter will be considered after the report is received."

Strength of Police force stationed within the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills.

* 246 Q.—SRI P. RAMAMURTHI (on behalf of Sri P. Jeevanandam): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the strength of the Police force stationed within the premises of the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills;

(*b*) what is the total expenditure involved in maintaining these policemen within the Mills;

(*c*) for how many days past have policemen been stationed inside the premises of the Mills;

(*d*) what is the reason for this unusual procedure whereby policemen are asked to do duty inside private buildings when there is no actual breach of the peace; and

(*e*) the reason for opening a new Police Station in Otteri?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*), (*c*) & (*d*) There is no Police force stationed within the premises of the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills now. A Police force of about 90 men were stationed in and around the Mill area from 10th December 1951 to 30th June 1952.

" On 1st December 1951 there were various acts of violence in the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills resulting in the closure of the Mills for about ten days. With the help of the Police, work was resumed in the mills from 10th December 1951. It would appear that the Buckingham and Carnatic Mill authorities approached the Commissioner of Police for suitable police protection in order to resume normal work in the mills and to prevent further acts of violence, etc. The Commissioner of Police accordingly deputed two platoons of the Special Armed Police with effect from 10th December 1951.